

ELISHA – GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN US

2 Kings 6:8-23

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1. Knowing the Unknowable (vv. 8-14)

The work of God's prophets is to give us warning; if, being warned, we do not save ourselves, it is our own fault, and our blood will be upon our own head. Matthew Henry

The Mission of Hope Church is to... proclaim Jesus Christ...

2. Seeing the Invisible (vv. 15-17)

☞ **What the king of Aram saw and didn't see**

(v. 12)

2 Peter 3:3-5

They **CAN** not see because they **WILL** not see.

Acts 4

2 Corinthians 4:4

Psalms 2:1-4

The problem isn't KNOWLEDGE.

The problem is unwillingness to ACKNOWLEDGE

The REAL question: "What did we do with what we DID know?"

☞ **What Elisha and his servant saw and what they didn't see**

1 Peter 4:12

1 John 3:13

☞ **Angels:**

📖 Lit: messengers

📖 Ministering Spirits (Heb. 1:4) sent by God to aid us...

📖 Prefer to remain in the background – They are appalled that any should WORSHIP them (Rev. 19:10 & 22:9)

📖 Demons – Those who preferred independence FROM God...

When we are magnifying the causes of our fear we ought to possess ourselves with clear, & great, & high thoughts of God & the invisible world. Matthew Henry

Rom. 8:31

The clearer sight we have of the sovereignty and power of heaven the less we shall fear the calamities of this earth. Matthew Henry

Too often we miss experiencing the glory and presence of God because we are not looking for God. In the church we are worried about our order of worship, or making sure we do things proper. In the world, they miss God b/c they don't even know what to look for. Tony McCreery, Baptist preacher

☞ **The Danger of Naturalism / Materialism**

A doctrine that the only or highest values or objectives lie in material well being Wade Hughes, Sr.

☞ **Contrast Elisha and his servant:**

📖 peace vs. anxiety;

📖 Confidence in God vs. fear of men (circumstances);

📖 Seeing by faith vs. seeing only what is obvious

A Truth to Remember: God is greater than any enemy or danger that you and I will ever face.

A Challenge to Consider: Are we willing to trust in God and in His promises... even when we can not SEE how they could possibly work?

One thing I heard this morning was...

Next Wk: ELISHA, PART 2: DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE (2 Kings 6:8-23)